THE [Numb. 474.]

MARYLAND GAZETTE,

Containing the freſheſt Advices foreign and domeſtic.

THURSDAY, *June* 6, 1754.

BOSTON, April 25.

On the Second Inſtant, his Excellency was pleaſed to make the following SPEECH to the Great and General Court or Aſſembly, then ſitting here, *viz.*

Gentlemen of the Council, and Houſe of Repreſentatives,

THE Occaſion of my ſpeaking to you now, is to acquaint you, that I have received a Letter from the Right Honourable the Lords Commiſſioners for Trade and the Plantations, ſignifying to me, that his Majeſty had been pleaſed to order a Sum of Money to be iſſued for Preſents for the *Six Nations* of *Indians*, and to direct the Governor of *New York* to hold an Interview with them for delivering thoſe Preſents at ſuch Place and Time as he ſhall appoint; and I am directed to lay this Matter before you, and to recommend to you to make a proper Proviſion for appointing Commiſſioners from this Government to meet Commiſſioners of *Virginia*, *Maryland*, *Pennſylvania*, *New-Jerſeys*, and *New Hampſhire* (to the reſpective Governors of which Colonies their Lordſhips have wrote to the ſame Effect) as alſo for making ſuch Preſents as hath been uſual upon the like Occaſions.

I have likewiſe to acquaint you, that I find by a Paragraph of their Lordſhips Letter upon this Occaſion to the Governor of *New York*, which his Honour Lieutenant Governor *De Lancey*, Commander in Chief of that Province, hath communicated to me, that he is therein directed to take Care that all the Provinces be (if practicable) comprized in one General Treaty, to be made in his Majeſty's Name.

And that Mr. *De Lancey* hath given me Notice, that he hath appointed the ſaid Interview to be held at the City of *Albany*, on the Fourteenth of *June* next.

I am perſuaded, *Gentlemen*, I need not uſe Arguments to convince you, that it is of very great Conſequence to the Intereſts of his Majeſty's Colonies upon this Continent at all Times, that as many of the Tribes of *Indians* inhabiting it, as may be (thoſe of the *Six Nations* more eſpecially) ſhould be kept in Friendſhip with the *Engliſh*, and a Dependence upon the Crown of *Great Britain*; and that as free a Commerce and Intercourſe ſhould be maintain'd with them, as is poſſible: But I think it my Duty at this Time, to enter into a particular Detail of theſe Matters.

" At the Treaty of *Utrecht*, which is confirm'd " by that of *Aix la-Chapelle*, theſe were looked " upon to be Points of that Importance to the " *Britiſh* Intereſt in *North-America*, that Care was " taken in that Treaty, to have the *Indians* of the " *Six Nations* acknowleged by *France*, to be " ſubject to the Dominion of *Great Britain*; and " it is therein expreſly ſtipulated, that the *French* " ſhall give no Hindrance or Moleſtation either to " them, or the other Natives of *America*, who " were Friends to the *Engliſh*: It is alſo ſtipulated, " that the Subjects of both Crowns ſhould enjoy " full Liberty of going or coming [upon this Con- " tinent] on account of Trade; and that the Na- " tives of the Countries (upon it) ſhould with the " ſame Liberty reſort, as they pleaſe, to the *Bri-* " *tiſh* and *French* Colonies, for promoting Trade " on the one Side and the other, without any Mo- " leſtation or Hindrance either on the Part of the " *Britiſh* Subjects or of the *French*."

With regard to the *Indians* of the *Six Nations* in particular, I would obſerve to you, that according to an Account given by them in an open Council at *Turpehawkin*, at their Return from the *Indian* Treaty at *Philadelphia*, in 1742, of the ſeveral *Indian Nations* which have been conquer'd by them, and are now in their Alliance, and trade with the *Engliſh*, and which ſeems to be depended upon, the Warriors belonging to thoſe Tribes, may be computed to amount to 16 or 17000 at leaſt: And One, who muſt be a good Judge of the Strength of the *Five Nations* themſelves, upon being interrogated by me concerning the Number of their fighting Men, made Anſwer, " that he did not " know their Number, but well knew, that they " are a numerous People, a terrible Body of Men, " and able to burn all the *Indians* in *Canada*."

You muſt be ſenſible, *Gentlemen*, what frequent Attempts the *French* have made from Time to Time to draw off the *Six Nations* from the *Engliſh* Intereſt into their own; and from the repeated Advices we have received from his Majeſty's Southern Colonies on this Continent, what Efforts they have lately exerted to win over their Allies, together with the other numerous Tribes inhabiting the vaſt Countries lying along the great Lakes and Rivers, and to the Weſtward of the *Apalachean* Mountains (all which may be reckon'd to exceed double the Number of the *Indians* of the *Six Nations*, and thoſe in their Alliance) as alſo what Meaſures the *French* are taking to exclude the *Engliſh* from all Trade and Commerce with thoſe *Indians*.

To compaſs this, they have in manifeſt Violation of the aforeſaid Treaties, enter'd the Country of theſe *Indians* upon the Back of his Majeſty's Southern Colonies, and within the Limits of his Territories, with large Bodies of Troops, ſeiz'd the Effects, and captivated the Perſons of the *Engliſh*, whom they found trading there; abſolutely denied their Right to *Traffic* with thoſe Nations, and erected a Line of Forts upon the Lakes and Rivers from *Canada* to *Miſſiſippi*, to cut off all Commerce and Intercourſe between them: They have committed Hoſtilities againſt ſome of the Tribes in Friendſhip with the *Engliſh*, engag'd others to take up the Hatchet againſt them, and threatened thoſe with Deſtruction, who ſhall interfere with their avow'd Deſign to drive the *Engliſh* out of that Country.

Should the *Indians* of the *Six Nations*, at this critical Conjuncture, deſert our Alliance, and go over to the *French*, how fatal an Influence muſt ſuch an Event have upon the *Britiſh* Intereſt? On the other Hand, ſhould proper Meaſures be taken to attach them firmly to it, how greatly would it diſappoint and check the preſent Scheme and Enterprizes of our dangerous Neighbours?

It is well known how wavering the Diſpoſition of theſe *Indians* hath of late been; and how viſibly they have abated their former Enmity to the *French*; and we can't be at a Loſs to diſcover the real Cauſes of it.

Nothing could at this Time ſo effectually reclaim them to their old Alliance with us, as the Meaſures directed to by their Lordſhips of the Board of Trade; *One general League of Friendſhip comprizing all his Majeſty's Colonies, to be made with them in his Majeſty's Name*; with Stipulations to build ſuch Forts in their Country, as they ſhall chooſe, and may be judg'd neceſſary for their Shelter and Protection againſt the *French*.

Such a Coalition of the Colonies for their Defence would be a convincing Proof to them, that they might ſafely depend upon his Majeſty for Protection, and confirm them in their ancient Alliance with the *Engliſh*; and how neceſſary ſuch a Confederacy of the Colonies for their Safeguard is, may appear to you from the following Account, given by an Indian Trader, who, for more than Twenty Years had carried on a Trade among the different Nations of *Indians* ſome hundred Miles Weſt of *Philadelphia*, the Truth of which I have great Reaſon to depend upon, *viz.* " That at the " Commencement of the late War, he, with ſun- " dry other Traders, of the *Engliſh*, was taken Pri- " ſoner by ſome *Frenchmen*, belonging to a Fort " upon the River *Ohio*, and from thence was " tranſported from Fort to Fort to *Quebeck*, by " Means of which Forts and the Lakes, the " *French*, he ſays, have a Communication open " from *Quebeck* to *Miſſiſippi*; that they have Forts " there within 20 or 30 Miles Diſtance of each " other, with a Command of from 10 to 20 Men " in each; in which he ſays, they put the *Squas* " and *Papooſes* of the *Indians* in Alliance with " them, for Protection, whilſt the Men go out to " War, and there keep 'em until the Men return; " and he obſerves, that by Means of theſe Forts, " they bid fair in a little Time to reduce the *In-* " *dians* in Alliance with the *Engliſh*, as the *Engliſh* " do not afford the ſame Protection to their Wo- " men and Children, whilſt the Men are gone to " War, as the *French* do."

I would therefore earneſtly recommend to you, *Gentlemen of the Houſe of Repreſentatives*, to make ſuitable Proviſion for ſending Commiſſioners on the Part of this Government, to join in the approaching Interview at *Albany*, duly authorized to concert ſuch Meaſures, in Conjunction with the Government of *New York*, and Commiſſioners of the before mentioned Governments, as ſhall be judg'd proper to be enter'd into for cementing a firm League of Friendſhip with the *Indians* of the *Six Nations*, and retaining them in the *Britiſh* Intereſt; and to give thoſe Commiſſioners full Power to agree with the other Governments upon the Quota of Money and Men to be furniſh'd by the Province for this Service.

I have taken the Liberty to propoſe the ſame Thing to be done by the other Governments concerned in this Interview, in my Letters to his Majeſty's Governors, and have Reaſon to hope they will promote ſo ſalutary a Meaſure.

Such an Union of Councils, beſides the happy Effect it will probably have upon the *Indians* of the *Six Nations*, may lay a Foundation for a general One among all his Majeſty's Colonies, for the mutual Support and Defence againſt the preſent dangerous Enterprizes of the *French* on every Side of them

I have already let you know, *Gentlemen*, his Majeſty's Orders to me and his other Governors upon this Point, ſignified to us in the Earl of *Holderneſſe*'s Letter of the 18th of laſt *Auguſt*; and how neceſſary it is that ſuch an Union ſhould be immediately form'd in the Common Cauſe, whoever takes a Survey of the whole Extent of the Invaſions and Incroachments which the *French* are ſurrounding his Majeſty's Territories upon this Continent with, from their moſt Eaſtern to their moſt Weſtern Limits, muſt ſoon be convinced.

Cloſe on the back of the Settlements of his Majeſty's Southern Colonies they are joining *Canada* to the *Miſſiſippi* by a Line of Forts and Settlements along the great Lakes and Rivers, and cutting off all Commerce and Intercourſe between the *Engliſh* and the numerous powerful Tribes of *Indians* inhabiting that Country, who they are attempting to engage in their Intereſt by all Manner of Hoſtilities and Artifices: And at the ſame Time they are puſhing on their Incroachments with equal Vigour quite round his Majeſty's Eaſtern Colonies, where they have ſecured all the *Indians* in thoſe Parts to join them againſt the *Engliſh*.

Should the *French* prevail in the former Part of their Scheme, and gain a general Influence and Dominion over the *Indians* behind the *Apalachean* Mountains, which they muſt in the ordinary Courſe of human Events do in a ſhort Time, if they are not timely prevented by an Union of his Majeſty's Colonies; they will have in a few Years a moſt formidable Army of thoſe *Indians* at their Command, maintained without any Expence to themſelves; but, on the other Hand, with great Profit ariſing from an immenſe Fur Trade carried on with them: And what fatal Conſequences ſuch an Army of Warriors (a few of which have been found ſufficient to keep a large Frontier in continual Alarm) muſt have upon all his Majeſty's Southern Colonies, by continually harraſſing them, at the Direction of the *French*, and ſupported by them from *Canada* on one Side, and *Miſſiſippi* on the other, and cover'd in their Retreat behind the Mountains by a ſtrong Line of Forts commanding

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the Navigation of all the Lakes and Rivers, is eaſy to conceive; eſpecially if the *Indians* of the *Six Nations* ſhould deſert our Alliance, and join the *French*, which muſt in ſuch Caſe be a deciſive Blow to the *Britiſh* Intereſt on that Part of the Continent.

At the ſame Time, if they are not prevented by a Coalition of the Colonies from finiſhing the Scheme, which it is moſt manifeſt they are forming againſt the Eaſtern Provinces, and already far advanced in, they muſt ſoon have it in their Power equally to diſtreſs *them* likewiſe; and all the *Engliſh* Colonies will be involv'd together in one general Flame. It is true, thoſe Colonies are far ſuperior to the *French* in their Numbers and Strength; but if that Strength, *Gentlemen*, is not properly exerted by an Union among themſelves, how little will it avail?

It is not difficult to imagine that ſuch a Body of Troops as the *French* may ſoon collect, together with the Aſſiſtance of all the *Indians* ſcatter'd throughout this Continent on the Back of the *Engliſh* Colonies (as the *French* Settlements likewiſe are) when under the Command of the Governor General of *New France*, who upon all Emergencies can direct their Force as he pleaſes, may reduce a Number of diſunited Provinces, many of them very remote from each other, tho' much ſuperior to them in Point of the Number of Inhabitants.

For forming this general Union, *Gentlemen*, there is no Time to be loſt: The *French* ſeem to have advanced further towards making themſelves Maſters of this Continent within theſe laſt five or ſix Years, than they have done ever ſince the firſt Beginning of their Settlements upon it: And how determined they are to accompliſh their Scheme as ſoon as poſſible, appears from their breaking thro' the moſt recent ſolemn Treaties and Agreements made between the two Crowns, in order to effect it.

Gentlemen,

His Majeſty hath given the ſtrongeſt Proof of his paternal Care of his Colonies, and conſtant Attention to their Safety, in directing his Governors to promote this Union within their reſpective Governments:-And I hope you will not be wanting on your Parts to contribute all in your Power towards effecting it, by improving the Opportunity which the approaching Interview with the *Indians* of the *Six Nations* at *Albany* happily preſents for that Purpoſe: And I doubt not but that you may depend on all reaſonable Support and Protection on the Part of his Majeſty, againſt all preſent and future Enterprizes and Attempts of the *French* againſt you.

WILLIAM SHIRLEY.

Council-Chamber, April 2, 1754.

(Continuation of the ASSEMBLY AFFAIRS begun in N°. 471.*)*

Monday, *May* 27, 1754.

THE Report from the Committee appointed to enquire into the Amount of the Allowances, made by the ſeveral County Courts, to Penſioners, was brought in. [*In the Year* 1753, *there was allowed, by all the Counties*, 604,742 *lbs. of Tobacco, beſide the Commiſſion to the Sheriffs of* 6 per Cent, *which is* 36,285 *lbs. and makes in the whole* 641,027 *Pounds of Tobacco, for one Year only.*]

The following Addreſs, was brought in, approved, ingroſſed, and preſented by Mr *Key*, and five more Members, *viz.*

To his Excellency HORATIO SHARPE, Eſq; Governor and Commander in Chief in and over the Province of MARYLAND.

The humble ADDRESS of the Houſe of DELEGATES.

May it pleaſe your Excellency,

IN Anſwer to your Excellency's Meſſage of the 25th of this Inſtant, we aſſure your Excellency, that our Actions have correſponded with our Profeſſions at the Opening of this Seſſion: And that for the Purpoſes mentioned in your Excellency's Speech, we Reſolved on Ways and Means for raiſing a Sum of Three Thouſand Pounds Current Money, to be applied for his Majeſty's Service; as alſo Three Hundred Pounds Sterling, to be laid out in a Preſent to the Six Nations of *Indians*; and One Hundred and Fifty Pounds Current Money, to defray the Expences of Commiſſioners to be ſent to *Albany* to deliver the ſaid Preſent, and to renew the Covenant Chain with thoſe *Indians*; for which Purpoſes we prepared a Bill, which was ſent to the Upper Houſe, and for the Paſſage of which we uſed all the Endeavours in our Power, and made as many Conceſſions as was conſiſtent with the Right and Liberty of the People we repreſent; and we can with Truth aſſure your Excellency, that the Failure of that Bill gives us the utmoſt Concern.

To demonſtrate our hearty Deſire to ſecure the Friendſhip of our *Indian* Allies, we have agreed, that a Sum of Five Hundred Pounds Current Money be paid by the Treaſurer of the Weſtern Shore, to be laid out in a Preſent to thoſe *Indians*, by ſuch Commiſſioners as your Excellency ſhall be pleaſed to appoint to deliver the ſaid Preſent, and renew the Covenant Chain with them; and the further Sum of One Hundred and Fifty Pounds, to be paid by the ſaid Treaſurer, to defray the Expences of the Commiſſioners; and have great Hopes that our Conduct upon theſe Occaſions, will meet with your Excellency's Approbation.

A Meſſage was ſent up, propoſing "That both "Houſes might agree in an Ordinance for the "Payment of the 500 *l.* for the Preſent to the *Indians*, and 150 *l.* for the Expences of the Com-"miſſioners, and to be paid by the Treaſurer of "the *Weſtern* Shore."

The following Addreſs, was brought in, approved, ingroſſed, and preſented by Mr. *Murdock*, and five other Members, *viz.*

To his Excellency HORATIO SHARPE, Eſq; Governor and Commander in Chief in and over the Province of MARYLAND.

The humble ADDRESS of the Houſe of DELEGATES.

May it pleaſe your Excellency,

BY a Report, made by a Committee of this Houſe, with a Copy of a Letter and Depoſitions, hereunto annexed, it is apparent that ſome Check is neceſſary to be given to the Papiſts within this Province, and at this Time it ſeems more ſo, as the *French* are Incroaching on all his Majeſty's Territories on this Continent, and ſpiriting up the *Indians* to make Incurſions and commit Hoſtilities on his Majeſty's Subjects.

We therefore hope that your Excellency will be pleaſed to Order, that an exact Enquiry may be made into the Matter contained in the Depoſitions of Serjeant *Willis*, *John Hamwood*, and *William Swallow*, that the Rioters who obſtructed his Majeſty's Levies, and uſed ſuch diſloyal and traiterous Language, may be puniſhed according to Law.

A Meſſage was brought down, agreeing "That "an Ordinance of both Houſes be made on the "Treaſurer of the *Weſtern* Shore, for the Sums "mentioned above."

Several Petitions were brought down, referred to the Lower Houſe.

The Houſe adjourn'd.

Tueſday, *May* 28.

Two Bills,——*Additional Supplementary to the Act for amending the Staple.*——And, *To make it penal to forge the Bills of the neighbouring Governments*; were read a ſecond time, paſſed, and ſent up.

The Petitions of ſeveral Pariſhes were read and granted.

The Queſtion was put, Whether the Conſideration of a Bill to ſettle a Fund for the Eſtabliſhment of a Seminary of Learning within this Province, ſhall be referred to next Aſſembly, or not? On this Queſtion, the Houſe was divided, there being 23 Yeas, and 23 Nays. It was determined by the Hon. Speaker, in the Negative.

His Excellency the Governor communicated the following Meſſage, *viz.*

Gentlemen of the Lower Houſe of Aſſembly,

THAT ſome Offences, of the Nature mentioned in your Yeſterday's Addreſs, had been committed in *St. Mary's* County, I was informed ſome Weeks ſince, and, immediately thereupon, took ſuch Steps as appeared neceſſary for bringing the Offenders to condign Puniſhment; two of them I learn have been taken, and have recognized for their Appearance at the next Aſſizes: As the others, of whom one is a Roman Catholic, and charged as principal in this Affair, have diſappeared, I could wiſh to be impowered to offer a Bounty or Reward for the more ready Diſcovery of them, and you may be aſſured it will be my conſtant Care to ſuppreſs, as much as poſſible, any ſuch Diſturbances whenever they ſhall happen.

HOR°. SHARPE.

A Bill,——*For Building a Priſon in* Frederick *County*; had a firſt Reading.

Poſt Meridiem. A Bill,——*To enable the Juſtices of* St. Mary's *County to levy a Quantity of Tobacco in* King *and* Queen *Pariſh*; had a firſt and ſecond Reading, paſſed, and was ſent up.

The Bill, ——*For Building a Priſon in* Frederick *County*; had a ſecond Reading, paſſed, and was ſent up.

The Report, brought in Yeſterday Morning, was referred to the Conſideration of next Aſſembly.

The Houſe adjourn'd.

Wedneſday, *May* 29.

A Bill,——*To enable the Rector*, &c. *of* Port-Tobacco *Pariſh, to purchaſe Two Acres to build a Chapel*, &c. was read a firſt and ſecond Time, paſſed, and was ſent up.

On Reading the Governor's Meſſage of Yeſterday, it was *Reſolved*, That his Excellency be impowered to offer a Reward of 20 *l.* for apprehending *Gerard Jordan*, junior, and 10 *l.* for apprehending *Joſeph Broadway*. [*See his Excellency's Proclamation, on the following Page.*]

An Addreſs, to that Purpoſe, was brought in, read, approved, and ingroſſed; and preſented to his Excellency by Mr. *Key*, and Three other Members.

A Petition from *St. John's* and *St. Paul's* Pariſhes, in *Queen Anne's* County, was referred to next Seſſion.

A Bill,——*To prevent the Evils which may ariſe from the Importation of* Iriſh *Convicts, and Convicts from that Part of* Great Britain *called* Scotland; had a firſt Reading, and was ordered a ſecond Reading on the 20th of *July* next.

The Journal of Accounts was brought in, read, aſſented to, and ſent to the Upper Houſe [*The Public Debt, at the Foot of the Journal, is* 3,403,025 *Pounds of Tobacco, and* 956 *l.* 15 *s.* 10 *d. Currency. In* October 1753, *the Public Debt was* 2,929,129 *Pounds of Tobacco, and* 912 *l.* 21. *In* June 1752, *it was* 2,444,027 *lbs, and* 846 *l.* 14 *s.* 11 *d.*——*The Public Debts have not been paid ſince* May 1747, *when they were paid off, and amounted to* 2,674,414 *Pounds of Tobacco, and* 1233 *l.* 11 *s.* 6 *d. Currency: Having then been accumulating from* September 1742.]

Poſt Meridiem. Four Bills,——*Additional Supplementary to the Act for amending the Staple*;——*To make it Penal to Counterfeit*, &c.——*To enable the Juſtices of* St. Mary's *County to levy*, &c.——And, *For Building a Priſon in* Frederick *County*; were brought from the Upper Houſe, all paſſed.

The Ordinance, *(mentioned on Monday)* was read and aſſented to, ſigned by the Speaker, and ſent to the Upper Houſe.

The Report from the Committee to inſpect the Arms and Ammunition, was brought in; and then an Addreſs to the Governor, was ordered to be prepared.

The Houſe adjourn'd.

Thurſday, *May* 30.

The Bill, [*Numb.* 6.] was brought in, had a firſt and ſecond Reading, paſſed, and was ſent up.

The following Addreſs was preſented, by Col. *Harriſon*, and Three other Members, *viz.*

To his Excellency HORATIO SHARPE, Eſq; Governor and Commander in Chief in and over the Province of MARYLAND.

The humble ADDRESS of the Houſe of DELEGATES.

May it pleaſe your Excellency,

BY the Report of a Committee of this Houſe hereunto annexed, we find, that the Arms are in bad Order, through neglect of the Armourer; wherefore we humbly conceive, that ſome Other, who would execute his Duty with more Care, ſhould be placed in his Room, that the Arms may be kept in more effectual Order for Service.

As there is now in the Hands of the Treaſurers of this Province, Sterling Money for purchaſing Arms and Ammunition for Defence of the ſame, we ſubmit it to your Excellency, Whether at this Time, when the *French* and their allied *Indians*, are making Incroachments on our Frontiers, it may not be expedient to ſend for ſuch Arms and Ammunition for that Money, as may be convenient to ſend to the Weſtern Limits of this Province, in Caſe of Need.

Four Ingroſſed Bills, [*Numb.* 1, 2, 4, and 5.] were brought in, read and aſſented to, and ſent to the Upper Houſe, with the Paper Bills.

Two Bills, [*Numb.* 3, and 6.] were brought down from the Upper Houſe, Paſſed.

Poſt Meridiem. The ſame two Bills were brought in Ingroſſed, read and aſſented to, and ſent up.

His Excellency communicated the following Meſſage, *viz.*

Gentlemen of the Lower Houſe of Aſſembly,

THE Armourer, of whoſe Negligence you are pleaſed to complain, pleads to me, in Excuſe of his ſeeming Fault, and Defect of Duty, his ſtrict Obedience to the Orders I ſome Time ſince

since thought proper to give, That nothing should divert him from examining and cleaning those of the Arms lately imported, which had by some Accident fallen into the Water, before they were delivered into his Custody: This Service, must, I believe, have engaged him for some Months past; and he hopes his Excuse will meet with a favourable Hearing, as he will always endeavour to give general Satisfaction, by his future Care and Diligence in the Execution of his Office.

Your Request that I will send for some Ammunition, I will carefully comply with; and should be glad to be impowered to order also an additional Number of Arms, but cannot attempt that, at this Time, unless you will revive the Law for raising a Sum of Money for purchasing them; the Fund established some Years since for that Purpose being reduced very low, and, as I am informed, almost exhausted.

HOR°. SHARPE.

Two Bills,——*To issue Writs of Replevin out of the County Courts*;——And, *For the Security of his Majesty's Dominion, and to prevent the Growth of Popery within this Province*; were brought down, with a Negative.

The Journal of Accounts was brought down, with a Message, and would not Pass.

The House *Ordered*, That the Bill,——*To prevent the Growth of Popery*, should be Printed with the Votes and Proceedings.

The Six Paper Bills were brought down.

A Message was sent to acquaint his Excellency, That no public Business lay before the House.

A Message from the Upper House acquaints Mr. Speaker, that his Excellency the Governor required the immediate Attendance of the Lower House, in the Council Chamber.

Mr. Speaker, and the House, went up, where his Excellency passed the following Ingrossed Bills, into Laws, in the usual Manner, *viz.*

1. *An Additional Supplementary* ACT, *to the Act entituled, An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, for preventing Frauds in his Majesty's Customs, and for the Limitation of Officers Fees.*

2. *An* ACT *to make it Penal, to Forge or Counterfeit the Bills of Credit, of* Pennsylvania, New-York, East *or* West Jerseys, *or the Three Lower Counties on* Delaware, *called* New Castle, Kent, *and* Sussex; *or to utter or tender the same, in Payment within this Province, knowing them to be such.*

3. *An* ACT *to enable the Justices of* St. Mary's *County, to levy a Quantity of Tobacco, on the Taxable Inhabitants of* King *and* Queen *Parish in said County, for the Purposes therein mentioned.*

4. *An* ACT *impowering the Rector, Vestrymen and Churchwardens, of* Port-Tobacco *Parish, in* Charles *County, for the Time being, to purchase a Quantity, not exceeding Two Acres of Land, and thereon to build a Chapel of Ease, in the said Parish, and to impower the Justices of the said County, to levy on the Taxable Inhabitants of the said Parish, a Quantity of Tobacco, for the Uses therein mentioned.*

5. *An* ACT *for Building a Prison, in* Frederick *County.*

6. *A Supplementary* ACT *to an Act entituled, An Act for the speedy and effectual Publication of the Laws of this Province, and for the Encouragement of* Jonas Green, *of the City of* Annapolis, *Printer.*

After which his Excellency made the following Speech, *viz.*

Gentlemen of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly,

AS I had persuaded myself that no Person, who has a Regard for the Welfare of this or the neighbouring Provinces, could hear without Emotion, of the Designs and Attempts of our Enemies, to make themselves Masters of his Majesty's Territories on this Continent, and as I was induced to think that none of us would choose to remain indifferent Spectators, while other his Majesty's good Subjects around us, should be vigorously exerting themselves in Support of his Majesty's just Right and Pretensions, as well as in Defence of their own and our Properties; I did indeed indulge myself with the Hopes of seeing you wave at this Season, every Thing that might possibly afford Occasion for Dispute, and mutually concur in making such Provision, for the Encouragement of the important Enterprize now carrying on by our Fellow Subjects, near the River *Ohio*, as would have left no Room for any Distinction to be made between our Zeal, and that which has been shewn by the neighbouring Colonies on this Occasion: But though your Resolutions will not permit me to expect the full Completion of my Wishes till fresh Advices or Instructions may lay me under the Necessity of convening you again; yet, I must not take Leave of you at this Time, without expressing some Satisfaction at your Treatment of my Message, relating to the Letter from the Lords of Trade, and at your enabling me to pay due Obedience to his Majesty's Pleasure thereby signified.

Your Desire to return at present to the Care of your domestic Affairs, prevails on me, with the Advice of his Lordship's Council of State, to prorogue this Assembly to the Third Tuesday in *July* next, and you are to take Notice that you are prorogued accordingly.

So ended the Session, which began on the 8*th of* May *last.*

ANNAPOLIS.

A few Days since the Body of a Man much wasted and eat away, was found in South *River, supposed to be the Body of* William Laurenson, *who run away from his Master sometime ago.*

Last Sunday they had a violent Thunder Gust at and about West *River, attended with much Hail, which has done considerable Damage.*

Tuesday Afternoon, we had a Gust attended with a prodigious high Wind for a few Minutes, from about S. W. which we hear has blown down many Trees. In Kent *County we are informed, it blew down many large sound Oaks, and one very large firm Poplar, which measured upwards of Five Feet through the Trunk of it.*

SOME few TICKETS, in the *Connecticut* Lottery (set on Foot by the Legislature of that Government, for the Benefit of the College in *New Jersey*), are to be Sold at the Post Office in *Annapolis*. The Scheme has been frequently published in the Northern *Gazettes*, and may be seen at the above Office. Price 30*s*. *New York* Currency, or 3 Pieces of Eight and three Quarters, each. ~~The Lottery is certainly to be drawn next Month.~~

TO BE SOLD,

A LOT in *Upper-Marlborough*, near the Dwelling-House of *John Hepburn*, Esq; whereon is a new Dwelling House, with a Brick Chimney, two Fire Places, three Rooms on the lower Floor, and two above Stairs. The Yard fenced in, and there is Ground enough for a large Garden. 1 *Hancock Lee.*

To be SOLD very reasonably,

A LOT in *Frederick-Town*, whereon is a good Dwelling House with 11 Rooms, a good Stable, a good Pump in the Yard, and a Garden. It is very conveniently situated either for a Store or a Tavern.

The Terms may be known, by applying to the Subscriber, in *Frederick Town*.

1 pd *Michael Jesserang.*

PENELOPE HOUSE,

LIVING in the House where *James Barnes* formerly lived, near the Dock in *Annapolis*, makes or mends HOOP-PETTICOATS of any Fashion, in the neatest and cheapest Manner, having served a regular Apprenticeship to that Business, in *London*. Any Ladies who shall be pleased to favour her with their Orders, may depend on being faithfully served, by

Their very humble Servant,

1 *Penelope House.*

Conformable to LAW,

NOTICE is hereby given, That there is at the Plantation of *John Gibson*, in *Talbot* County, taken up as a Stray, a small Bay Mare, with a bob Tail, and a Star in her Forehead.

The Owner may have her again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges. 1 pd.

Conformable to LAW,

NOTICE is hereby given, That there is at the Plantation of *Thomas Lasbere*, in *Frederick* County, near *Bennett's* Creek, taken up as a Stray, a Grey Mare, about 12 Hands high, branded on the near Thigh thus g g.

The Owner may have her again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges. *S. Howard*

1 to pay.

Conformable to LAW,

NOTICE is hereby given, That there is at the Plantation of *Andrew Smith*, in *Frederick* County, taken up as a Stray, a small Bay Gelding, branded on the near Shoulder thus 2 and has a Blaze in his Forehead.

The Owner may have him again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges. pd 2/6

Conformable to LAW,

NOTICE is hereby given, That there is at the Plantation of *John M'Faddin*, at *Anti Eatem* in *Frederick* County, taken up as a Stray, a Bay Horse, near 14 Hands high, has a Star in his Forehead, and a Snip on his Nose, several Saddle Spots, and shod before, but has no discernable Brand.

The Owner may have him again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges.

Conformable to LAW,

NOTICE is hereby given, That there is at the Plantation of *John Gray*, near *Magothy* River, taken up as a Stray, a small Black Horse, about 12 Hands high, paces a little, branded on the off Buttock with a sort of a Hook or a crooked Iron, was shod before, and had a Bell on, mark'd I G.

The Owner may have him again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges.

By his EXCELLENCY

HORATIO SHARPE, Esq;

GOVERNOR and Commander in Chief in and over the Province of MARYLAND.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS I have received Information, by the Deposition of *John Willis*, a Serjeant in the *Virginia* Regiment, and Others, That a certain *Gerard Jordan*, junior, of *St. Mary's* County, hath been guilty of obstructing the raising his Majesty's Levies, drinking the Pretender's Health, and several other disloyal and illegal Practices:

And that a certain *Joseph Broadway* of the said County, hath been aiding and assisting to the said *Gerard Jordan* therein:

I have, therefore, thought fit, with the Advice of his Lordship's Council of State, to issue this my Proclamation, hereby promising a Reward to any of his Majesty's Subjects within this Province (Officers excepted), of the Sum of TWENTY POUNDS Current Money, for apprehending and bringing to Justice the said *Gerard Jordan*; and also a Reward of the Sum of TEN POUNDS like Money, for apprehending and bringing to Justice the said *Joseph Broadway*: And I do hereby strictly charge and require all his Lordship's Officers, Civil and Military, within this Province, to be aiding and assisting in the apprehending the said *Gerard Jordan*, junior, and *Joseph Broadway*, so that they may be brought to Justice for the same.

GIVEN at the City of *Annapolis*, this 30th Day of *May*, in the 4th Year of his Lordship's Dominion, *Annoque Domini* 1754.

HOR°. SHARPE.

J. Ross, Cl. Con.

TO BE SOLD,

A TRACT of Land, lying in the Fork of *Gunpowder* River, in *Baltimore* County, containing Two Hundred and Thirty-two Acres, for Currency, Sterling, or Gold.

Whoever is inclinable to purchase the same, by applying to Mr. *Roger Boyce*, or Mr. *William Young*, in the said County, or to Capt. *Walter Smith* in *Calvert* County, may be satisfied as to the Quality, Price, and Title.

Upper Marlborough, May 24, 1754.

To be Leased into Lots, to contain One Hundred Acres each, for any Term not exceeding Twenty one Years,

SEVENTEEN Hundred Acres of good Tobacco Land, situate in *Frederick* County, on the Waggon Road between the Mouth of *Monocksy* and *Seneca* Bridge.

For Terms apply to

John Hepburn.

CASH for BILLS of EXCHANGE. Enquire of the Printer of this Paper.

Conformable to LAW,

NOTICE is hereby given, That there is at the Plantation of *Samuel Prather*, in *Prince George's* County, near *Bladensburg*, taken up as a Stray, a Chefcut Roan Gelding, about 12 Hands high, branded on the near Buttock H B, has a large Blaze in his Face, two large white Spots on each Side of his Withers, and his Feet white. The Owner may have him again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges.

Conformable to LAW,

NOTICE is hereby given, That there is at the Plantation of *Edward Knot*, in *Talbot* County, taken up as a Stray, a fmall Bay Mare, about 9 or 10 Years old, low in Flefh, has a fmall Blaze in her Face, a Snip on her Nofe, a white Spot before her Shoulder on the rifing Side, a white Spot on each Side behind her Shoulders, her off hind Foot white, a long Tail, and cannot fee out of one Eye.

The Owner may have her again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges.

Conformable to LAW,

NOTICE is hereby given, That there is at the Plantation of *William Oakeys*, near the Middle Ferry in *Worcefter* County, taken up as a Stray, a middle fiz'd Sorrel Horfe, in good Order, has a Blaze from his Forehead to his Nofe, a fmall white Spot on his near Noftril, two white Saddle Spots on each Side of his Back, and his Mane cut; but has no perceivable Brand.

The Owner may have him again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges.

Conformable to LAW,

NOTICE is hereby give, That there is at the Plantation of Mrs. *Jane Frifby*, in *Kent* County, taken up as a Stray by *Richard Frifby*, a Roan Horfe, about 14 Hands high, branded on the near Buttock with a blind Brand fomewhat like a P, has a Blaze in his Face, three white Feet, and paces pretty well.

The Owner may have him again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges, by applying to *Richard Frifby*.

Conformable to LAW,

NOTICE is hereby given, That there is at the Plantation of *John Welfh*, in *Anne Arundel* County, taken up as a Stray, a very fmall Bright Bay Horfe, has a hanging Mane, a Sprig Tail, a Blaze in his Face, and appears to be branded with a Woman's Stirrup.

The Owner may have him again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges.

DESERTED from the *Virginia* Regiment, the 8th Day of *May*, the following Men, *viz.*

Thomas Locker, born in *Maryland*, 26 Years of Age, 5 Feet 6 Inches high, of a pale Complexion, with dark Hair, and is well made, and active. He had on a light grey Country made Cloth Coat, with Side Pockets, red Legging tied with yellow Binding. He lived about the Eaftern Branch o *Potowmack*. He has been puniſhed for a former Deſertion, and probably has ſome Marks of it of is Back.

Ignatius Jones, 23 Years old, born in *Maryland*, and enliſted with Mr. *Polſan*, at *Lower Marlborough*: He is 5 Feet 7 Inches and a half high, and of a dark Complexion. Had on a ſhort blue Coat turn'd up with red.

Peter Brillinger, or *Prelinger*, 28 Years old, a *Swiſs*, or *Dutchman*, late of *Alexandria*, Butcher, and formerly lived, as he ſaid, about *Manockaſy*; he is 5 Feet 8 Inches and three Quarters high, of a dark, tho' jolly Complexion, and dark buſhy Hair, is ſhort neck'd, and round ſhouldered: He had on a very narrow brimmed Hat. He went away in Company with his Wife, who is a ſlender Woman.

Patrick Smith, enliſted by Mr. *Polſan*, at *Lower Marlborough*.

Whoever brings either of the three firſt mentioned Men to me, at *Winchefter*, or to Major *John Carlyle*, at *Alexandria*, ſhall have Two Piſtoles Reward for each, and for the laſt mentioned One Piſtole.

Joſhua Fry.

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THERE are at the Plantation of Capt. *Thomas Addiſon*, at *Giſborough*, at the Mouth of the Eaſtern Branch of *Potowmack* River, in *Prince George's* County, the undermentioned Cattle, *viz.* A Red and White Bull, marked with a Crop and under Bit and over Bit in the right Ear, and under half in the left.

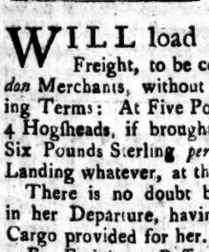
Two Red and White Heifers, with the ſame Marks.

A Black Steer, mark'd with a Crop and Slit and under Bit in the right Ear, and a Hole in the left.

A Brindled Pied Heifer, with a Swallow Fork in the right Ear, and under Bit and over Bit in the left.

The Owners may have them again, on proving their Property, andpaying Charges.

For *LONDON* directly,



The good Ship HANBURY, JAMES CREAGH, *Commander*;

A new Veſſel, built at Annapolis, *ſtaunch, ſtrong, and well fitted, and now lying in the Ferry Branch of* Patapſco *River*,

WILL load TOBACCO on Freight, to be conſign'd to any of the *London* Merchants, without Exception, on the following Terms: At Five Pounds Sterling *per* Ton, of 4 Hogſheads, if brought to the Ship's Side; or at Six Pounds Sterling *per* Ton, if fetch'd from any Landing whatever, at the Ship's Charge.

There is no doubt but this Veſſel will be early in her Departure, having near one Third of her Cargo provided for her.

For Freight or Paſſage apply as follows, *viz.*

Patrick Creagh, in *Annapolis*,
Daniel Chamier, at *Elk Ridge* Landing,
John Carnan, in *Baltimore Town*,
James Creagh, on board the ſaid Veſſel.

The Subſcriber, as Owner of the above named Veſſel, begs Leave to obſerve to all the Gentlemen Shippers to Meſſieurs *John Hanbury* and Company, that this Veſſel was intended for their Service, and that he was at an extraordinary Expence to get her finiſh'd in Time to have loaded laſt Fall, but could not ſucceed; he hopes, nevertheleſs, that the Goodneſs of the Veſſel, her being the Built of this Country, the Lowneſs of the Freight (a Conſideration to be much regarded now Tobacco is ſo low) and the Certainty of her being an early Veſſel, will induce them, and other Gentlemen Shippers to their Merchants, to give her the Preference of their Favours, which ſhall be gratefully acknowledged, by

Their very humble and obliged Servant,
5 *Patrick Creagh.*

JUST IMPORTED,

From LONDON, *in the* THAMES, *and to be Sold by the Subſcriber, at the Ferry Branch of* Patapſco,

CHESHIRE and *Glouceſterſhire* CHEESE, LEMONS, STRONG BEER and ALE, in Bottles and Caſk, LONDON PORTER in Barrels, choice CLARET in three Dozen Hampers, *French* WHITE WINE in Cheſts, each Cheſt containing thirty Flaſks, *China* and Earthen WARE, black OAKAM, and OSNABRIGS, with ſundry other GOODS too tedious to mention.

3 *James Dobbins.*

May 9. 1754.

YESTERDAY was committed to my Cuſtody, on Suſpicion of being a Runaway, one *James Brown*, who denies he has any Maſter, and ſays he came into *York* River in *Virginia* about 3 Months ago, the Captain's Name *Taylor*, but the Ship's Name he has forgot; he ſpeaks much on the Brogue, has on a blue Cloth Coat and Breeches, a ſtriped Flannel Waiſtcoat, and Check Shirt; he is of a ſwarthy Complexion, with light brown Eyes.

His Maſter may have him again, on Application, paying the Fees, and Charge of this Advertiſement.

William Young,
3 Sheriff of *Baltimore* County.

Conformable to LAW,

NOTICE is hereby given, That there is in the Poſſeſſion of *Thomas Howard*, ſenior, near *Annapolis*, taken up as a Stray, a ſmall Black Mare, branded on the near Buttock with a Hock, about 5 Years old, not well broke, and can gallop and trot. The Owner may have her again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges.

JACOB TROUGHTWINE, Doctor, *From* GERMANY, *now ſettled at* FREDERICK-TOWN *near* Manockaſy,

CURES the Country Diſtemper in Four Weeks; and will alſo undertake to cure a Wen without cutting of it; and ſundry other Cures; and deſires ro Money until the Cure is compleated. Whoever has occaſion to apply to him, may enquire of *Michael Jefferang*, and be further informed.

JUST IMPORTED,

In Capt. COOLIDGE, CARROLL, *and* WHITE, *from* LONDON, *and to be Sold by the Subſcriber, at his Store in* UPPER MARLBOROUGH *on* Patuxent *River*,

GREAT Variety of *European* and *Eaſt India* GOODS, Sail Duck, Anchors, Grapnels, Cordage, Twine, Ship Chandlery, *&c. &c.* at the moſt reaſonable Rates, for Bills of Exchange, Caſh, or Tobacco.

Stephen Weſt.

NOTICE is hereby given to the Inhabitants of *Anne Arundel* County, That (as very little of the County Tax has this Year been paid in Money) they are requeſted to pay off their Dues by the Tenth of *June* (the time affix'd by Law) in Tobacco, that the Subſcriber may be enabled to pay the Officers and Clergy in the limitted Time, their reſpective Demands. Conſtant Attendance at my Office is given every Wedneſday and Thurſday, to ſettle with all ſuch Gentlemen as ſhall be pleaſed to call on

Their humble Servant,
Nathan Hammond, Sheriff
of *Anne Arundel* County.

To be Sold by Public Vendue,

On Wedneſday the 12th of June, *at the Houſe of* Charles Wallace, *in* Annapolis,

THE following Tracts of Land, and Lots of Ground, belonging to the Eſtate of *William Peele*, deceaſed, *viz.*

Duvall's Range, containing 300 Acres, lying in *Anne Arundel* County, near the great Falls of *Patuxent* River, on both Sides of a Branch called *Hankeſ's Branch*,

Sympſon's Stones, containing 153 Acres, lying in *Anne Arundel* County, near *Huntington*.

Batchelor's Choice, containing 100 Acres, lying in *Anne Arundel* County, on the South Side of the main Falls of *Patapſco* River.

Joſepp's Favour, containing 100 Acres, lying in *Baltimore* County, on the Weſt Side of the great Falls of *Gunpowder* River, and on the North Side of a Run called *The Beaver Dam Run*.

Two Lots of Ground lying in that Part of *Annapolis* called the *New Town*, being N°. Q and L, on the laſt of which there is a Wooden Houſe, with two Brick Chimneys.

For Sterling or Current Money, by

James Mouat,
James Dick,
James Nicholſon,
} Executors.

THE Subſcriber being removed to *Upper Marlborough*, all Perſons who have any Demands againſt him, contracted during his Reſidence at *Annapolis*, are deſired to ſend in their Accounts to Mr. *Dick's* Store there, that they may be adjuſted and paid: And thoſe who are any Ways indebted to him, are requeſted to ſettle and pay off their reſpective Accounts to Mr. *James Dick*, who will grant proper Diſcharges for ſuch Payments.

Stephen Weſt.

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